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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): ANDO, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/020,116  
Filed: December 18, 2001  
For: METHOD OF ACCUMULATING APPLIANCE LOCATED  
STATES AND APPARATUS USING THE SAME  
Group: 2142  
Examiner: C. Reid  
Conf. No. : 5809

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

October 31, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments